

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets make changes to Figs. 2, 3 and 4 and replace the original sheets with Figs. 2, 3 and 4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the Title, specification and Figures 2, 3 and 4 are amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-10. For the reasons discussed below, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on November 29. It is respectfully requested that the references listed on the PTO-1449 accompanying the IDS be considered and a signed and initialed PTO-1449 evidencing consideration thereof be returned to Applicants' undersigned representative.

The drawings are objected to for including reference characters not mentioned in the description. The specification has been amended to correctly identify and refer to reference numerals 43a, 43b, R, 58 and 60. Reference numerals 46a and 61 have been deleted from Figs. 3 and 4, respectively.

The drawings are also objected to for not including reference numeral 43 mentioned in the specification. The specification has been amended to recite reference numerals 43a, 43b instead of reference numeral 43, in response to the objection.

The drawings are also objected to for labeling the front cover with reference numeral 4 instead of reference numeral 4c. Figure 2 has been amended to correctly recite "4c". It is respectfully requested that all the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

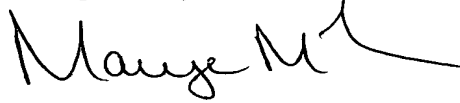
The Title is objected to for not being descriptive. The Title has been amended responsive to the objection. It is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

The specification is objected to for containing minor informalities. The specification has been amended responsive to the objection. It is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Petition for Extension of Time
Three Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 2, 3 and 4)

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